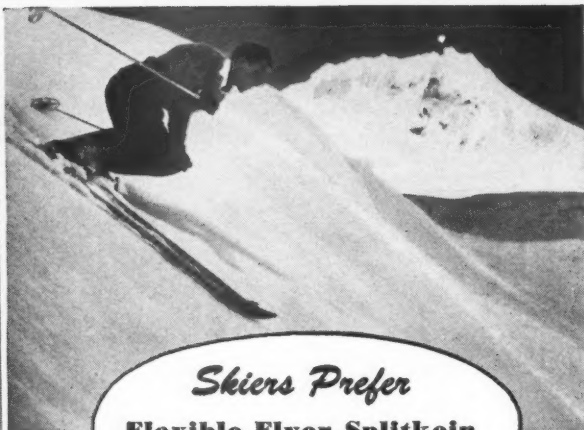
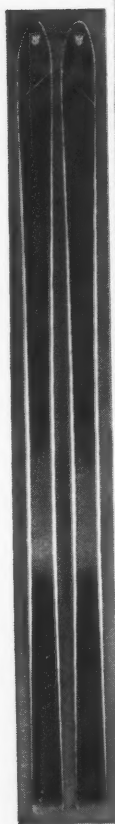


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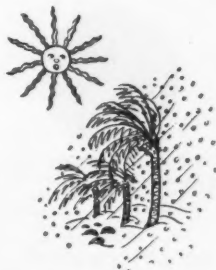
The drizzle came down on Idaho;  
New England was much too warm for snow.

Johnny Jones got down in the mouth,  
Sold his skis, and headed south.

"There's absolutely no place to ski,  
So Florida's sun is the stuff for me!"

But Johnny Jones had skier's luck —  
He was there when the great nor'easter struck!

The royal palms bent low to the gale,  
And coconuts pelted the ground like hail.



The snow came down, and it didn't stop;  
The Chamber of Commerce shut up shop.

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The real-estate business became a pain;  
The alligators moved up to Maine.

There were drifts to the tops of the orange-trees,  
And Johnny Jones wired north for skis.

He did his slaloms in powder snow,  
While frozen rattlesnakes watched him go.

And once, by mistake, he inserted a pole  
Into a shivering Seminole.

Oh, up in Vermont, it's warm and sunny,  
But Florida's winter is really a honey!

And Johnny Jones is skiing daily,  
And Johnny Jones is singing gaily:

"The northern winter faints and fades,  
But skiing's fine in the Everglades!

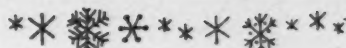
"In Montreal they're golfing still,  
But the snow lies deep in Jacksonville!

"And maybe we'll have to speak hence-  
forth

Of the snowy south and the sunny north!

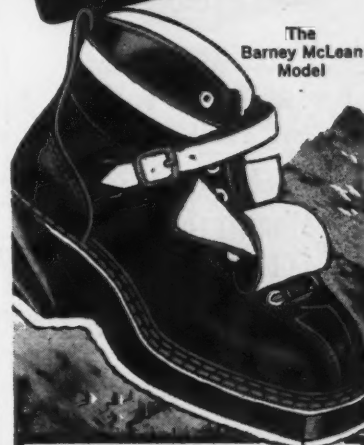
"But one thing's sure as sure can be:  
The Lord loves people who like to ski!

"He taketh away, but He giveth back.  
Okeechobee, I'm hollering, 'Track!'"



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### Safety Bindings

I was greatly interested in your article on safety bindings. Bill Parrish is a good salesman, but there are two things which he fails to emphasize. First, there is no such thing as a safety binding. Nor is there such a thing as a safe midget auto. Until a binding can eliminate bad sprains and breaks it cannot be called safe. Secondly, all the safety bindings mentioned in the article work on the principle of the foot becoming detached from the ski in a bad fall. Quite frankly, this is the last thing I would want to have happen in a bad fall on the Tuckerman head-wall. . . .

JOHN PREST

Albuquerque, N. M.

It's about time someone recognized the value of safety bindings. Just the name alone should make skiers buy them, but the whispering campaign against them has soured a lot of people. Thanks for presenting an honest, objective article and for saving a great many legs.

OTTO KNAUER

Grand Rapids, Mich.

### Big Bear Growls

On page 24 of your January 15 issue, under the title of *Snow Bunny Town, Cal.*, you have managed to pack into a small space an amazing amount of outdated misinformation about Southern California skiing in general, and Big Bear Lake in particular.


"Skiing as a popular pastime is still brand new in Southern California," says your author, Mr. Dan Woodward, "and there just are not very many experienced skiers." It would be truer to say that there are many inexperienced skiers; Southern California skiing is increasing in ratio with the tremendous population growth, and therefore the number of new and inexperienced skiers is high.

But there is no dearth of experienced skiers now. The percentage of good skiers on our local slopes undoubtedly exceeds that of any big-city area in the East.

As for the slopes at Big Bear Lake — sure, they are not as long or as tough as the FIS courses at Aspen, but the new chairlift completed last fall (and not even mentioned in your article) opens plenty of slopes to furnish a week end of good fun for the advanced skier as well as for the beginner.

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doubtedly do occasionally cast longing looks at 11,485-foot San Geronio. But while this superlative ski mountain may indeed rise "immediately south of Big Bear," this immediacy is interrupted by a deep and wild canyon.

Mr. Woodward is right in claiming that Big Bear represents a unique and significant step in Southern California ski development. But this is not due, as he thinks, to the fact that a lot of beginners find it an ideal area. Big Bear Lake is unique in Southern California in that here, for the first time, a chairlift has been constructed not out in the wilds, but immediately adjacent to a going town, with accommodations for thousands.

Today Big Bear offers skiing for all grades of skiers on a variety of slopes served by a dozen lifts and tows. The outstanding work being done with grade school and Junior skiers is fast producing a crop of local experts which is changing Big Bear Lake from 'Snow Bunny Town, Cal. to plain Ski Town, Cal.

L. LOPEZ

Los Angeles, Cal.

### Friday Courses

More than two hundred girls at Colorado Woman's College in Denver have registered to attend ski school at Winter Park, Colo. Special buses have been chartered to pick the girls up at seven a.m. each Friday and to return them to the campus that same evening. Classes regularly held on Friday will be held on Saturday to enable the students to participate in the Winter Park ski program.

Incidentally, your SKI MAGAZINE is among the current periodicals in the browsing library and you may be sure it is read with interest by our many "ski girls."

DORIS MINNEY

Denver, Colo.

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# Scandinavians Sweep FIS Nordic Events

*The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The captains and the kings depart . . .*

As the shouting dies down and the kings of jumping and cross-country depart, the Nordic events of the 1950 world championships go down in skiing history as among the most successful ever held. As it turned out, the worry about the lack of snow was *Much ado about nothing*, for although the week started out like a *Midsummer night's dream*, it ended up exactly *As you like it*.

**Sunday, January 29:** There is no snow. The exhibition jump is held, thanks to a hundred and fifty tons of pulverized ice sprayed on Intervales jumping hill, headquarters of the famous Sno Birds of Lake Placid Club. The 18-kilometer cross-country race, originally scheduled for Monday, is postponed. The Norwegians win the jump, as expected, but two American boys, Art Devlin and Mezzy Barber, surprise the crowd by taking third and fourth places.

**Monday, January 30:** Still no snow. Harassed officials have a six-hour conference and finally settle on Rumford, Maine, for the cross-country events.

**Tuesday, January 31:** Five beautiful inches of powder snow have fallen, as if to mock the efforts of the FIS officials. Col. Ostgaard, the patient president of the FIS, skis over the Lake Placid cross-country course. He finds there is not enough cover in the wooded trails.

**Wednesday, February 1:** A beautiful day for the combined jumping. High placement in this followed by good standing in the 18-kilometer cross-country would win the combined title. Norway sweeps the first five places, with Simon Slattvik winning with two virtually perfect jumps. Heikki Hasu of Finland, Olympic champion, places sixth, putting himself in a strong position for the combined title. Crosby Perry-Smith is the first American; he places ninth.

**Thursday, February 2:** Everyone holds his breath. The fine weather holds.

*Bjoernstad, son of a Norwegian farmer, manages a modest victory smile.*



World champion Hans Bjoernstad of Norway sails 224 feet in near-perfect style. The Norwegians, who placed six men in the first eight, were hot favorites, but few thought Bjoernstad would win.



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*Art Tokle, brother of the late Torger, stretches out for 219 feet on his longest jump of the day.*

**Friday, February 3:** A cold and windy day, but the course seems to please even the hardest critics. The people of Rumford, Maine, and especially the members of the Chisholm Ski Club have done a superb job in readying the town and the course at exceedingly short notice. Sweden asserts her supremacy in the gruelling 18-kilometer race by taking the first two places. Finland's Heikki Hasu is not far down the list and with his good jumping record wins the combined cross-country and jumping title.

**Saturday, February 4:** Sigmund Ruud, Oscar Haug and dozens of others manicure the jumping hill. Art Devlin says it is in the best shape he has ever seen.

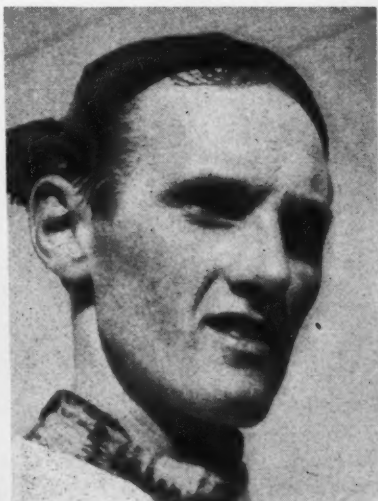
**Sunday, February 5:** A perfect day. Art Tokle, the American ace jumper, wakes his teammates to "shake hands with the next world's champion." The American boys are sure they'll do the trick. A whistle blows and Birger Ruud, who has given his place on the Norwegian team to Christian Mohn, is one of the five trial jumpers. He soars way down the hill in the classic style that won him two Olympic championships. Number fourteen is Hans Bjoernstad of Norway. A smooth take-off and then a

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*Rumford will long be remembered for its herculean efforts in staging the cross-country events on 55-hour notice.*

**SKI MAGAZINE PHOTOS BY GEORGE BURNS**



*Karl-Erik Aastrom of Sweden, winner of the 18-kilometer race*



*Sigmund Ruud of Norway and Harry Voegelé, manager of U.S. team*

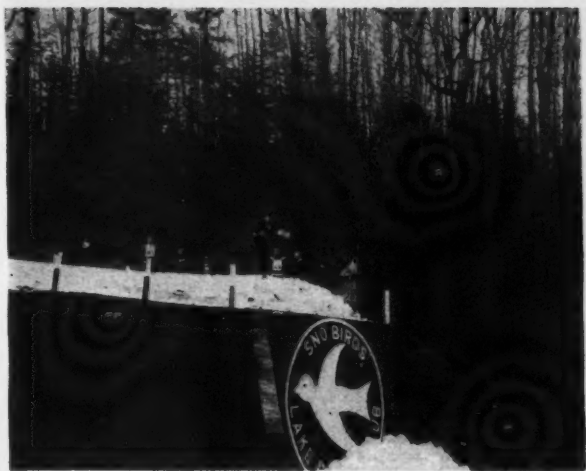


*Heikki Hasu of Finland, winner of the combined championship*

## *Jumping Egg-beater*

SKI jumping is considered by many to be the least dangerous and most graceful part of skiing. The exclusive SKI MAGAZINE photos shown on this and the following page were taken by George Burns with a recently-developed high speed camera. Photos below show Leo Laakso of Finland as he hits and rolls down the 70-meter hill at Lake Placid. Note cable of his binding in top left corner of center right photo. Laakso suffered an arm fracture in the spill.





*Christian Mohn, Norwegian exchange student now at Middlebury College pulled the biggest surprise of the FIS World Championships in the jumping events. The international championship jump held on the Sunday prior to the FIS games constituted a tryout for the*



*team of eight to be selected by Norway for the championships. The squad was packed with highly-rated Holmenkollen and Olympic winners and Mohn was not given much of a chance to make the team, as he had not had an opportunity to practice as much this season as his*



*Norwegian brothers. The near-perfect form which won him the championship and a berth on the team is shown above with high-speed photos. They constitute one of the greatest photo sequences ever taken to demonstrate good jumping form, in the opinion of several authorities.*



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2	THURE LINDGREN	Sweden	218	214	214.4
3	ARNFINN BERGMANN	Norway	218	216	213.5
4	CHRISTIAN MOHN	Norway	213	209	212.4
5	THORBJORN FALKANGER	Norway	213	219	211.9
6	ARTHUR DEVLIN	U.S.A.	220	219	211
7	PETTER HUGSTED	Norway	201	212	210.1
8	GEORG THRAANE	Norway	209	218	207.9
9	MATTI PIETIKAINEN	Finland	201	219	207.7
10	VIDAR LINDBOE-HANSEN	Norway	204	208	206.2
11	EVERT KARLSSON	Sweden	202	219	206
12	OLAVI KURONEN	Finland	204	204	205.5
13	MERRILL BARBER	U.S.A.	218	208	204.5
14	ARTHUR TOKLE	U.S.A.	205	219	203.9
15	ASBJORN RUUD	Norway	198	202	202.1
16	KARL HOLMSTROM	Sweden	206	212	201.6
17	CROSBY PERRY-SMITH	U.S.A.	207	204	201.4
18	LASSE JOHANSSON	Finland	201	205	200.4
19	PENTTI HEIME	Finland	197	199	198.9
20	GORDON WREN	U.S.A.	203	206	198.3
21	KAARE KARLSSON	Sweden	205	201	197.4
22	FRITZ TSCHANEN	Switzerland	203	194	196.7
23	ANDREAS DAESCHER	Switzerland	205	207	195.7
24	KEITH WEGEMAN	U.S.A.	197	201	195
25	JANEZ POLDA	Yugoslavia	212	203	193.2
26	BILLY OLSON	U.S.A.	193	204	192.7
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28	WILLY KLOPFENSTEIN	Switzerland	187	196	186.4
29	KAREL KLANCNIK	Yugoslavia	179	191	182
30	NIKLAUS STUMPF	Switzerland	180	185	177.4
31	HENRI PICARD	Canada	181	176	175
32	ALFONS SUPERSAXO	Switzerland	160	179	173
33	LAURENT BERNIER	Canada	178	180	171.8
34	NOEL PAUL	Canada	168	183	169.7
35	JOHN DRAPER	Canada	175	178	165.3
36	RAY DESROCHERS	Canada	176	176	162.5
37	LEO MILETTE	Canada	157	184	162.1
38	KARL MARTITSCH	Austria	177	176	152.3
39	GEORGES LABRECQUE	Canada	187	179	135.2
40	GASTON ANGERS	Canada	149	162	120

## COMBINED JUMPING

Place	Name	Country	Distance of Jumps			Points
			1st	2nd	3rd	
1	SIMON SLATTVIK	Norway	209	220	223	231
2	PER SANNERUD	Norway	213	213	212	223.4
3	OTTAR GJERMUNDSHAUG	Norway	213	219	219	220.8
4	KETTEL MAARDALEN	Norway	209	204	210	219.8
5	PER GJELTEN	Norway	208	217	215	216.6
6	HEIKKI HASU	Finland	203	203	203	215.2
7	SVEN ISRAELSSON	Sweden	200	213	206	213.7
8	KLAS HARALDSSON	Sweden	204	206	207	212.9
9	CROSBY PERRY-SMITH	U.S.A.	207	206	211	212.0
10	MARTTI HUHTALA	Finland	183	187	195	204.8
11	EILERT DAHL	Norway	184	183	203	201.6
12	ALFONS SUPERSAXO	Switzerland	184	189	191	199.6
13	PAUL WEGEMAN	U.S.A.	190	204	192	199.5
14	AULIS SIPPONEN	Finland	185	191	190	198
15	NIKLAUS STUMPF	Switzerland	184	184	194	197.2
16	MIKKO MERILAINEN	Finland	178	182	185	191.3
17	NOEL PAUL	Canada	176	185	188	191.1
18	KARL MARTITSCH	Austria	188	194	192	189.8
19	JACK PAULY	U.S.A.	178	185	179	184.3
20	LYDD HAWKINSON	U.S.A.	172	179	178	181.2
21	RALPH TOWNSEND	U.S.A.	170	175	174	173.5
22	ALLISON MERRILL	U.S.A.	170	162	162	170.6
23	DON JOHNSON	U.S.A.	163	171	164	165.7
24	SILAS DUNKLEE	U.S.A.	157	162	162	162.7

## COMBINED JUMP AND CROSS-COUNTRY

Place	Name	Country	Combined Points
1	HEIKKI HASU	Finland	455.2
2	OTTAR GJERMUNDSHAUG	Norway	452.0
3	SIMON SLATTVIK	Norway	451.8
4	PER SANNERUD	Norway	448.9
5	SVEN ISRAELSSON	Sweden	447.6
6	KETTEL MAARDALEN	Norway	442.9
7	MARTTI HUHTALA	Finland	441.1
8	EILERT DAHL	Norway	436.7
9	KLAS HARALDSSON	Sweden	429.7
10	PER GJELTEN	Norway	427.7
11	AULIS SIPPONEN	Finland	423.8
12	MIKKO MERILAINEN	Finland	419.4
13	ALFONS SUPERSAXO	Switzerland	418.2

## 18-KILOMETER CROSS-COUNTRY

Place	Name	Country	Hrs.	Time	Secs.
1	KARL-ERIK AASTROM	Sweden	1	06	16
2	ENAR JOSEFSSON	Sweden	1	06	28
3	ARNLJOT NYAAS	Norway	1	07	07
4	AUGUST KIURU	Finland	1	07	08
5	PAAYO LONKILA	Finland	1	07	15
6	VILJO VELLONEN	Finland	1	07	32
7	HARALD MAARTMANN	Norway	1	07	35
8	MARTIN LUNDSTROM	Sweden	1	07	45
9	ANDERS TOERNKVIST	Sweden	1	07	56
10	HEIKKI HASU	Finland	1	08	13*
11	NILS TAEFF	Sweden	1	08	28
12	TAPPO MAKELA	Finland	1	08	33
13	NILS KARLSSON	Sweden	1	08	35
14	GUNNAR ERIKSON	Sweden	1	08	36
15	HENRY HERMANSEN	Norway	1	08	49

16	MAGNAR ESTENSTAD	Norway	1	08	52
17	MARTIN STOKKEN	Norway	1	08	58
18	KRISTIAN BJORN	Norway	1	09	16
19	TAUNO KIRVES	Finland	1	09	19
20	MARTTI HUHTALA	Finland	1	09	21*
21	TAUNO SIPILA	Finland	1	09	30
22	EDVIN LANDSEN	Norway	1	09	34
23	EILERT DAHL	Norway	1	09	37*
24	ARTHUR HERRDIN	Sweden	1	09	45
25	SVEN ISRAELSSON	Sweden	1	10	00*
26	IVAR ODD FORMO	Norway	1	10	14
27	PEKKA KUVAJA	Finland	1	10	16
28	BENOIT CARRARA	France	1	10	45
29	OTTAR GJERMUNDSHAUG	Norway	1	10	47*
30	EERO RAUTIO	Finland	1	11	11
31	MIKKO MERILAINEN	Finland	1	11	43*
32	AULIS SIPPONEN	Finland	1	12	22*
33	PER SANNERUD	Norway	1	12	44*
34	KARL BRICKER	Switzerland	1	13	02
35	KETTEL MAARDALEN	Norway	1	13	11*
36	SIMON SLATTVIK	Norway	1	13	49*
37	ALFONS SUPERSAXO	Switzerland	1	14	29*
38	TONE RAZINGER	Yugoslavia	1	15	07
39	KLAS HARALDSSON	Sweden	1	15	24*
40	RENE MANDRILLON	France	1	15	35
41	GEORGES FORESTIER	France	1	16	13
42	THEO ALLENBACH	Switzerland	1	16	22
43	PER GJELTEN	Norway	1	16	40*
44	MARIUS MORA	France	1	16	57
45	ANDRE BUFFARD	France	1	17	32
46	OLAVI ALAKULPPI	U.S.A.	1	19	05
47	CLAUDE RICHER	Canada	1	22	20
48	DON JOHNSON	U.S.A.	1	22	37*
49	TOM DENNIE	Canada	1	23	01
50	LYDD HAWKINSON	U.S.A.	1	23	41*
51	JACK WATSON	Canada	1	24	09
52	CROSBY PERRY-SMITH	U.S.A.	1	24	38*
53	PAUL WEGEMAN	U.S.A.	1	24	54*
54	ALEX ALAIN	Canada	1	25	07
55	GERALD DENNIE	Canada	1	26	43
56	SILAS DUNKLEE	U.S.A.	1	26	47*
57	JACQUES CARBONNEAU	Canada	1	28	18
58	ALLISON MERRILL	U.S.A.	1	28	12*
59	JOHN BURTON	U.S.A.	1	28	40
60	JACK PAULY	U.S.A.	1	29	12*
61	BUSTER CAMPBELL	U.S.A.	1	29	21
62	KARL MARTITSCH	Austria	1	29	32*
63	ELVIN JOHNSON	U.S.A.	1	30	03
64	RALPH TOWNSEND	U.S.A.	1	33	36*
65	PAUL TOWNSEND	U.S.A.	1	34	32
66	WENDALL BROOMHALL	U.S.A.	1	34	44
67	NOEL PAUL	Canada	1	35	55*
68	AMBROSE QUINN	Canada	1	36	34
69	NIKLAUS STUMPF	Switzerland			Did not finish*

\* COMBINED

## 50-KILOMETER CROSS-COUNTRY

Place	Name	Country	Hrs.	Time	Mins.	Secs.
1	GUNNAR ERIKSSON	Sweden	2	59	05	
2	ENAR JOSEFSSON	Sweden	3	00	01	
3	NILS KARLSSON	Sweden	3	00	10	
4	ANDERS TOERNKVIST	Sweden	3	00	55	
5	HARALD MAARTMANN	Norway	3	01	49	
6	PEKKA VANNIEN	Finland	3	02	15	
7	MAGNAR ESTENSTAD	Norway	3	04	19	
8	PEKKA KUVAJA	Finland	3	06	20	
9	MARTIN LUNDSTROM	Sweden	3	06	30	
10	MARTIN KARLSSON	Sweden	3	06	53	
11	AUGUST KIURU	Finland	3	07	31	
12	EDVIN LANDSEN	Norway	3	07	31	
13	ARTHUR HERRDIN	Sweden	3	08	05	
14	ARNLJOT NYAAS	Norway	3	08	20	
15	GUNNAR KARLSSON	Sweden	3	13	51	
16	TAUNO KIRVES	Finland	3	13	54	
17	MARTIN STOKKEN	Norway	3	16	16	
18	EERO RAUTIO	Finland	3	22	57	
19	TONE RAZINGER	Yugoslavia	3	24	53	
20	THEO ALLENBACH	Switzerland	3	25	41	
21	TAUNO SIPILA	Finland	3	29	39	
22	OLAVI ALAKULPPI	U.S.A.	3	34	56	
23	WENDALL BROOMHALL	U.S.A.	3	59	16	
24	JOHN BURTON	U.S.A.	4	02	24	
25	DON JOHNSON	U.S.A.	4	05	52	
26	ELVIN JOHNSON	U.S.A.	4	38	38	
27	PAAYO LONKILA	Finland	DNF			
28	VILJO VELLONEN	Finland	DNF			
29	OTTAR GJERMUNDSHAUG	Norway	DNF			
30	KARL BRICKER	Switzerland	DNF			
31	HENRY HERMANSEN	Norway	DNF			
32	PAUL TOWNSEND	U.S.A.	Scratch			
33	KRISTIAN BJORN	Norway	Scratch			

## FOUR-MAN RELAY (10 KILOMETERS EACH)

Place	Country	Hrs.	Time	Mins.	Secs.
1	Sweden	2	39	59	
2	Finland	2	41	51	
3	Norway	2	47	19	
4	France	2	56	35	
5	U.S.A.	3	20	06	
6	Canada	3	23	28	

# Lucile Wheeler

## *International Competitor at Eleven, Canada's High Hope at Fifteen!*

BY DOUG PFEIFFER

IN SKIING circles, particularly in Canada, mention the name Lucile Wheeler and watch interest pick up. At fifteen, she already has five years of racing experience. She first poled her way through the starter's gate in the Taschereau race, a tricky, two-mile descent of Mont Tremblant's steep slopes. Although she did not win the race, she did win everybody's heart. Today, five years later, she frequently wins both.

The Taschereau has been a real battleground for Lucile. On this particular run, she has had thrills and spills aplenty. Taking a spill once, she broke a ski and, discarding the damaged and useless "board", she finished the race with one foot balancing uneasily in the air. Not always so unfortunate, she twice took top honors in the junior girls' class. In 1949 she skied the course faster than any other woman competing and at the same time slashed the women's record down by a wide margin. It was this race that caused her to rise into ski prominence and established her as definitely somebody to contend with. Newspaper columnists stopped calling her "the Taschereau Baby" and the "darling of the racing world" and used adjectives like "plucky" and "courageous". Plucky is right. The day before she won the Taschereau and broke the women's record, she unfortunately dislocated a shoulder in practice.

On several occasions, 'Cile, as she is called by her friends, has had trouble with one shoulder or another. At the Dominion Championships in Banff, 1948, she won the junior events and placed second amongst all the women in the combined results. This she accomplished even though a shoulder popped out of joint while she was rounding the third gate in the slalom.

### *Skiing Postwoman*

Skis and 'Cile were made for each other. She first started skiing at just two and a half years old. Harry Wheeler, her father, would allow her to ski over to nearby Grey Rocks Inn to get the daily mail. The distance she covered across the

lake and back was close to a mile and a half. "Of course," her father admits, trying to hide some parental pride, "we used to watch her through the windows to see that nothing went wrong."

Her father, a well-known sportsman and dogsled driver, has since then been her most competent counsellor. 'Cile has had three excellent coaches. The first was Herman Gadner, founder of the Snow Eagle Ski School, an almost legendary figure in Canadian skiing history. The "speed scion of the slopes" was next coached by Johnny Fripp, one-time Alta Cup winner and head of the Ski School at Mont Tremblant. Since Johnny's departure from this area, 'Cile's progress has been aided by Ernie McCullough's training. Lucile says that Ernie "taught me to hop".

### *Steady Progress*

Watching 'Cile weave her steady way down a slalom, one would think that she lacked aggressiveness. Quite the contrary. But Lucile is very unpretentious about her past achievements. Her father has taught her to realize that she has a long skiing career ahead and that she has nothing to lose but everything to gain in the way of experience. Hence, her determination lies not in fighting to make headlines today but in constantly improving and learning, so as to be really top-notch tomorrow.

Lucile has had trouble with her shoulders, but not with her legs. At the end of a fast run, she never complains of burning leg-muscles. Perhaps this is because she did, and still does, a great deal of horseback riding. She has two horses of her own: Patches, a pinto which she broke in herself, and Foyle, a beautiful, registered Arabian mare. Besides skiing, 'Cile enjoys swimming and basketball, and at school plays such rough-and-tumble games as soccer and lacrosse. She is also progressing rapidly in learning to play something less strenuous . . . the piano.

A quiet girl, with alert eyes and a broad smile, 'Cile is very unassuming. It is her mother who displays on their home

mantelpiece a multitude of medals and trophies all won by Lucile. Included among the prizes from many local races is a fine medal given her in 1949 for coming in second just behind Lucienne Couttet-Schmidt, the French Women's national champion, in the Quebec Kandahar, held annually at Mont Tremblant.

The speedy young skiball, as one ardent columnist called her, has competed several times in the United States. At eleven she was chosen a member of the Ladies' International Team and raced at Lake Placid. As a member of the same team in 1948 she placed third in the combined results, being squeezed out by Dot Burden, a Canadian, and Ann Dodge, an American. The only other time she has raced in the States was last winter. Regrettably, she sprained an ankle while training and did not compete in any of the races held at Aspen or Sun Valley.

### *Books Come First*

This year, this continent witnessed some of the largest ski meets ever held in the world. Lucile was given a berth on the Canadian team for these events, but very quietly declined. She felt that the opportunity to complete her schooling is more important than that of participating in these meets. Lucile, a girl who loves steak and French fried potatoes, intends to study to become a dietitian. While they all wish her the best of luck in her studies, there are many Canadians who hope she won't give up her skiing. When asked if she would, she smiled shyly and said, "Don't be crazy!"



LUGGI FORGER PHOTO

Lucile Wheeler

# The Telemark Should be Revived!

IN the hierarchy of sports, those rank first which demand from their followers a patient and exact study of Nature in one of her many moods, a study which is the basis of a culture as valuable in its way as the culture acquired from books. Real skiing is something more than a sport—it is a culture, and the urgent need at the moment is for the leaders of skiing in all countries to do something to counteract the fashion which measures skiing merit by the speed with which a man can travel down a hard beaten trail with every bump of which he is familiar. Olympic medals are worth winning, but competitive skiing, which inevitably takes place on hard beaten snow, is only a part—and not the most important—of real skiing.

For real skiing is not a kind of glorified tobogganing on skis. It is not rattling down the standard surface of a prepared trail. It is the art of skiing at high speed and under control over every variety of snow. It is the art of picking a good line down terrain which you have not previously explored. It is the craft of planning a long tour so as to get the best possible skiing. It is a branch of mountain culture.

We are all creatures of fashion and if races can only be won on what Americans call trails and Europeans call pistes, then inevitably pisteriferous skiing will drive real skiing into the background. Bad money drives out good.

I quite agree with Mr. Iselin, whose distinguished father, the founder of Alpine skiing, I had the pleasure of meeting, that I am partially responsible for these modern trends, and if he will glance at the chapter of my last book, *Mountains of Memory*, which is called "*The Regrets of a Frankenstein*," he will discover that I am fully aware of all the mischief that I have done.

## Hobson's Choice in East?

Now I admit that there are skiing regions in which skiing is only possible down trails cut out of the forests, and it is clear that on many parts of the East Coast of the American continent the only effective choice is between trail skiing and no skiing, but the possibilities of real skiing in Colorado and California are unlimited.

I admit that the untracked mountain only appeals to a minority, that the mass

of skiers regard skiing as a kind of tobogganing on wood, but I am unimpressed by the fact that this is more popular than real skiing. Strip cartoons find more readers than Shakespeare, but there are still some people who are more interested in Hamlet than Rip Kirby.

The disappearance of the telemark has been the principal cause of the decadence of skiing. Parallel turns and stem christianas are easy for the expert, for the higher the speed and the steeper the slope, the less the need for a telemark. But the beginner normally skis at slow speeds and funks downhill turning on steep



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slopes, and if he is not taught the telemark he will avoid soft snow. The schools that have sprung up advertising that they will teach any novice to ski parallel in a week do a double disservice. They give the novice a false sense of security, and they virtually condemn him to packed slopes for the rest of his skiing days.

The disappearance of the telemark is not the only reason for the decline of soft snow skiing. The hard snow practice slopes are always available but the teacher must hunt for soft snow and a soft snow slope is soon cut up, with the result that the teacher must waste time looking for more soft snow. The teacher can earn his money much more quickly if he concentrates on mass-producing "Cresta" skiers instead of aiming at producing all round skiers.

The telemark is admittedly difficult in most modern bindings but skiers are the only sportsmen so irrational as to expect technique to conform to equipment and not vice versa.

If it be sound to simplify skiing by concentrating on one turn, the parallel christiana for instance, it should be equally sound to simplify tennis by concentrating on one shot.

## Three Good Reasons

There are three good reasons for trying to revive the telemark:

I. It is extremely easy in heavy snow and will therefore encourage the revival of soft snow skiing among the skiers whose opportunities are so limited that they will never become experts in parallel turning in deep snow.

II. The telemark provides far greater steering facility since the angle between the ski can be varied more easily and more completely in the telemark than in the stem.

III. The stem calls for two distinct muscular efforts, first holding the ski at an angle, and, secondly, holding the feet apart, and thus preventing the convergent ski running together and crossing each other. In the telemark the first of these muscular efforts is still necessary, for the angle between the ski must still be maintained, but the second effort is not necessary, for no attempt is made to hold the feet apart laterally. The telemark is, in terms of effort, a stem turn minus the effort of holding the feet apart, the main effort when the snow is heavy.

Mr. Ivan Waller, who took an engineering degree at Cambridge and who has been for many years a member of the Rolls-Royce firm, contributes to the 1946 Year Book a masterly analysis of the dynamics of ski-ing. He explains, among other things, why the telemark "requires so much less effort in soft snow than any other turn.

"In the stem turn," he writes, "the thrust from the outer ski passes behind the centre of pressure, and counteracts the turning effort of the inner ski, which has to be made to predominate by edge control and by shifting the weight outwards to give it more leverage. In the telemark the thrust from the outer ski passes well in front of the centre of pressure and provides a substantial turning

movement in the desired direction."

Even the most bigoted opponents of the telemark have never been so silly as to deny that it involves less effort in heavy snow. Now the "heaviness" of snow is relative, for high speed or a steep gradient have the effect of reducing the resistance of heavy snow, and—in extreme cases—of transforming heavy snow into light. The expert skis at a far higher speed than the beginner and does his turns on steeper slopes. Consequently the snow in which the expert skis tends to be relatively less heavy than the beginner's snow, and thus the expert can dispense with the telemark far more readily than the beginner.

This is my case. Of course to many skiers the fact that the telemark is for the moment unfashionable is conclusive, but I still hope that among your many readers there may be some experts who will meet my arguments and not content themselves with reminding me that the telemark is today as unfashionable as was the modern slalom, which I invented, when I opened my campaign for that once-despised competition.

#### The Proud Father

It would be odd if I were to belittle ski racing, for I am proud of the fact that the President of the FIS recently described me as "the father of the modern downhill-slalom," but I regard it as disastrous that competitive skiing is necessarily restricted to the dreariest and least exacting of snow surfaces, hard-packed snow.

Among the things which I value most in life are the occasional letters which I have received from skiers who have been encouraged by my books about mountains to desert the mass-produced surface of the modern pistes and to discover for themselves that "beauty not so old and yet so new" which rewards the real skier in his exploration of the aloof and undesecrated hills.

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## Northwest Report . . .

**F**ATHOMS of snow! We've given up measuring it in feet. Hard on the cities, but for the skiers, perfect.

The *Vancouver Sun* sponsors free ski lessons to all those from six to sixty. There is an enrolment of a thousand for these lessons, held on nearby Grouse Mountain on Saturdays. The youngsters get reduced rates on buses, reduced rates on the chair lift, and inexpensive meals at the chalet on Grouse. At the head of the eleven instructors handling this crowd is Gerry Everell.

On the Grouse Mountain tows the First Aid Ski Patrol has complete and absolute jurisdiction. They close them down two or three times a day for fifteen minutes, and all on the hill tramp during that time to eliminate the few rough spots and bumps. Anyone caught schussing while everyone else is tramping gets his tow ticket taken away from him. The tows are shut off half-an-hour before dark and the hill is cleared. The patrol makes a complete tour of the area to make sure no novice is stuck and getting scared in the approaching dusk.

Mount Seymour's new road brings skiers to the 2,900-ft. level, making the hike to the lodges a matter of about twenty minutes instead of the old time of an hour or more. The young and agile do it in about ten.

Gus Johnson is operating his ski school on Seymour with the help of his assistant, Gordie Hall, and several others. Gordie went to Bralorne, a small British Columbia mining town, for one week and coached all the school kids while they were on Christmas holiday. The Bralorne ski club is now bursting with new members. Nearly the whole town, young and old, ski-borne and snow-shoed, turned out to help tramp the hills. They had five-and-a-half feet of powder in two days which made quite a job of tramping to be done.

A bit of sad news. Western Canada's young hopeful for the FIS world championships at Lake Placid, Jack Roocroft, tore the cartilage in his knee. Hard luck for Jack, one of the brightest stars among the younger skiers today in Canada, and hard luck for the Canadian team, which certainly could have used his talents.

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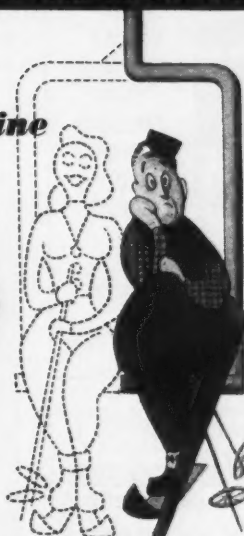
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float of uncanny grace. A feather-soft landing is followed by a perfect out-run. The marker calls out a length of two hundred and twenty-four feet, and all eyes are on the judges' box. An eighteen goes up, two nineteens, then an eighteen-and-a-half, and another eighteen — out of twenty points, an almost perfect score. Art Devlin makes a tremendously powerful take-off and carries to two hundred and twenty feet, but he loses some style points. Another brilliant jump in the second round and Bjoernstad leaps to a world championship. Lindgren of Sweden is second and Devlin takes sixth place, to prevent a complete Norwegian monopoly of the first eight places.

Meanwhile, at Rumford, Maine, the cross-country relay race has been won by Sweden, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Martin Lundstrom who overcomes a Finnish lead and leaves his anchor man with a ninety second lead.

**Monday, February 6:** Rumford holds a local election and the 50 kilometer cross-country. At one-minute intervals the thirty-one runners start, eating up the mileage with the long, rhythmical gait perfected by the Swedes. At the half-way point two Norwegians, Maartman and Estenstad, are in the lead. The first runners begin to arrive and the times are tabulated. Number twenty-eight finishes with a terrific burst of speed. It is Gunnar Eriksson of Sweden. He has covered fifty kilometers — about thirty-one miles, in just under three hours. A Finn arrives, barely staggering across the line, and collapses into the arms of the Finnish trainer. Wendy Broomhall, racing on his home ground, is roundly cheered by his friends; he drinks a hot egg-nog to restore his energy. The Swedes have taken the first four places, and the first seventeen belong to Scandinavians.

## Quebec Calendar

The Province's most outstanding ski event of each season, the Quebec Kandahar, sponsored by the Red Bird S. C., will be held at Mont Tremblant, March 4 and 5 . . . Other important happenings in Quebec skiing during the month include the 18-kilometer cross country from Ste. Adele on March 5, and the Ladies' Provincial Championships at Val David, the 11 and 12 . . . These championships are in downhill and slalom.

On March 18 and 19 the Ladies' International downhill and slalom team races are to be held at Mount Baldy, Ste. Marguerite. The Spring Open Jumping is also scheduled for the 19th.

The Nordic events are concluded — a Scandinavian triumph, an organizational triumph, and a commendable effort by the American boys who had had to train without snow.

## Hochgebirge

ONE OF the oldest and most honored races in this country, the Annual Hochgebirge Team Race, will have its sixteenth running Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5, on the Taft Trail, Cannon Mountain, N. H.

The Hochgebirge Challenge Bowl is inscribed each year with the names of those on the winning team. A formidable roster of past and present skiing "greats" appear on the bowl, including such names as Charlie Proctor, Alec Bright, Dick Durrance, Steve Knowlton and Brooks Dodge.

To the individual winner of the downhill part of the Hochgebirge Team race goes the four-year-old Joel S. Coffin Memorial Trophy. This trophy was donated by Josef S. Lanz, of New York City, in memory of his friend and fellow-skier, Joel S. Coffin III, who was killed in action in Italy while serving in the 87th Mountain Infantry.

In addition to the team race, there will also be men's open, women's and veterans' downhill, slalom and combined events.

## Roland Peabody

WITH GREAT REGRET we record the death, on January 31, of Roland Peabody of Franconia, N. H., at the age of fifty-three.

A veteran New England skier, Mr. Peabody was the first licensed ski instructor in the United States, and was head examiner of ski instructors for the Eastern Ski Association for ten years.

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This early development of skiing may be attributed to the high proportion of Norwegians in the population of Ishpeming and the vicinity. They were quick to recognize that Michigan's Upper Peninsula offered nearly everything a skier could ask in the way of climate and terrain. The proper names tell the story of this Norwegian influence. When the Club was reorganized in 1901 as the Ishpeming Ski Club, its officers were Carl Tellefsen, Albert Aas, Erik Hoyseth, Peter Handberg and Thomas Thompsen. The name of Carl Tellefsen is one to remember, for he was one of the leaders in forming the American Ski Association, in 1904, and became its first President.

Today, Ishpeming has not only slopes and trails but three ski tows, all operating without charge. A warm clubhouse and a 1,200-foot toboggan slide are other amenities. Three nights a week, the area is floodlighted, for night skiing and tobogganing. High point of the season is the annual ski jumping tournament on famous Suicide Hill, an event which is now in its sixty-third year.

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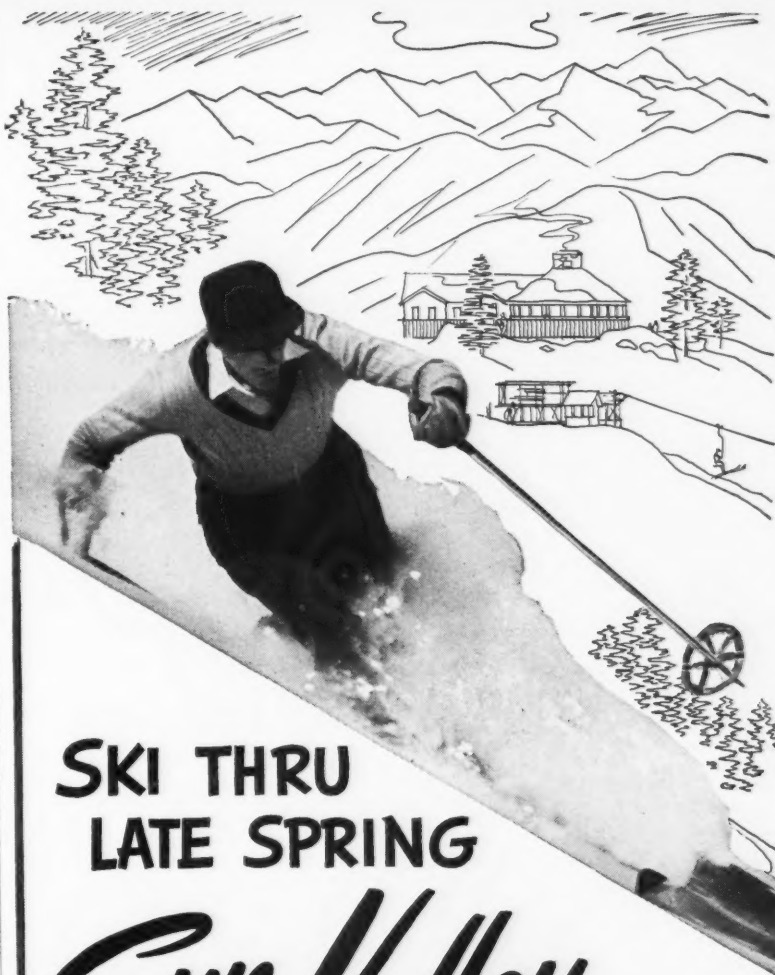
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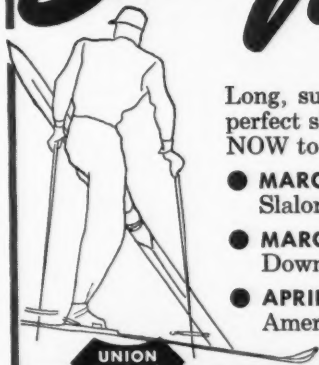
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